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*Average daily collection of the City Transport before and after the suspension of the tram services.*

10-50 a.m. * 433 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the approximate collection of the City Transport per day when trams were running in the City, i.e., before December 1952;

(*b*) the approximate collection of the City Transport per day after the suspension of the tramway services;

(*c*) how many buses were running daily during the periods mentioned in (*a*) and (*b*); and

(*d*) the establishment charges before and after the suspension of the tramway services?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The average daily collection of the City Transport before December 1952, when trams were running in the City, was Rs. 30,500.

" (*b*) The average daily collection of the City Transport after the suspension of the tram services is Rs. 35,000.

" (*c*) The average number of buses that were running daily on all routes prior to December 1952 was 261. Now on an average 303 vehicles including about 40 large buses with a seating capacity of about 60 are now running daily.

" (*d*) The average monthly total establishment charges incurred during the period when trams were running were Rs. 1,93,862. After the suspension of the tram services the average total establishment charges are Rs. 2,18,625."

MR. SPEAKER :—Next question."

(The hon. Members Sri S. C. C. Anthony Pillai and Sri K. Vinayakam stood up in their seats.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have placed before the House only 30 questions. If I am not able to cover these in one hour, the other questions put by hon. Members will not see the light of day. In an hour I have not been able to cover these 30 questions. Therefore I have to rush through all the questions."

*Refund of excess collection of tax on lands used for soaking coconut husks in Malabar.*

* 434 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to starred question No. 1202 answered on 29th July 1953—

(*a*) how much of the excess collections have been refunded; and

(*b*) what is the balance of excess collection yet to be refunded?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In December 1953, the Collector of Malabar reported that there were 191 cases of refund and that the cases were in various stages of disposal as follows :—

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| (1) Refund already sanctioned .. .. | 89 cases. |
| (2) Action being taken for obtaining signature of parties .. .. .. .. | 84 " |
| (3) Bills pending verification of credit by Treasury Officers .. .. .. .. | 14 " |
| (4) Party not applied for refund .. .. | 1 " |
| (5) Parties not alive and enquiries about legal heirs being made .. .. .. | 3 " |
| Total .. | 191 |

The matter is being attended to by the Collector."

*Private Bus Transport Advisory Committee.*

* 435 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to constitute a District Private Bus Transport Advisory Committee for the welfare of drivers, conductors and checking inspectors working in private buses?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

*Stationing of tractors at taluk headquarters.*

* 436 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to station tractors at every taluk headquarters?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Wherever adequate accommodational facilities to station tractor and its allied equipment, oil lubricants and other stores exist and there is enough regional demand on a sustained basis for tractor ploughing all through the ploughing season, arrangements have been made to station provisionally tractors at Taluk headquarters. There is no proposal to station *permanently* the units at each Taluk headquarters."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question has come up before the House a number of times. I will now pass on to the next question."